

## CLAIMS:

1. Method of providing data storage for a user device that is connectable to a remote server via a network, the method comprising the steps of:

- initiating a socket connection to the remote server,
- providing an application interface for requests for storing auxiliary data from applications in the user device,

5 and, when a storage request is received, having the auxiliary data stored on the remote server via the network.

2. Method as claimed in claim 1, wherein having the auxiliary data stored includes storing a user identification, and/or an application identification.

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3. Method as claimed in claim 1, wherein providing the application interface includes receiving request for reading data, and, when requested, having the auxiliary data retrieved from the remote server via the network.

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4. Method of storing auxiliary data from at least one user on a remote server that is connectable to a user device via a network for providing storage for the user device, the method comprising the steps of:

- supporting a socket connection initiated by a storage application in the user device,
- receiving, via the network, requests for storing auxiliary data from applications in the user device,

20 and, when a storage request is received, storing the auxiliary data on the remote server.

5. Method as claimed in claim 4, wherein storing the auxiliary data includes storing a user identification, and/or an application identification.

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6. Computer program product for providing data storage for a user device that is connectable to a remote server via a network, which program is operative to cause a processor to perform the method as claimed in any of the claims 1 to 5.

5 7. User device for use in the method of providing data storage as claimed in any of the claims 1 to 3, the user device being connectable to a remote server via a network, which device comprises

- transceiver means (15) for connecting the user device to the network,
- control means (20) for performing applications that may generate auxiliary

10 data relating to the applications, and  
a storage application (32) for

- initiating a socket connection to the remote server,
- providing an application interface (35) for requests for storing auxiliary data from the applications in the user device,

15 and, when a storage request is received, having the auxiliary data stored on the remote server via the network.

8. User device as claimed in claim 7, wherein the device

- comprises read means (24) for retrieving data from a storage medium (22),

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- the control means (20) are arranged for retrieving applications to be performed from the storage medium.

9. Storage medium for carrying data to be retrieved in a user device that is

25 connectable to a remote server via a network, wherein the storage medium comprises a computer program product constituting an application for providing data storage for the user device, which program is operative to cause a processor to perform the method as claimed in any of the claims 1 to 3.

30 10. Storage medium as claimed in claim 9, wherein the storage medium comprises at least one stream of real-time information.